



**Health Aspects of Chemical Safety:  
Strategic Directions for Actions of the  
WHO Regional Office for Europe  
Bonn, Germany, 17-19 October 2012**

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## Programme

### Wednesday, 17 October 2012

08:30 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 – 09:30 *Opening of the meeting*

Dr Elizabet Paunovic, Program Manager Environmental Exposures and Risks,  
WHO European Centre for Environment and Health

Introduction of participants

Purpose and expected outcome of the meeting

Dr Irina Zastenskaya, WHO European Centre for Environment and Health

Election of chair and rapporteur

Adoption of the agenda

09:30 – 10:40 *Session 1. WHO European Member States' needs in sound chemicals management related to health-protection aspects. Specific needs in management of carcinogens, mutagens, reproductive and endocrine disrupting toxicants*

Introduction of session objectives

Chair of the meeting

Analysis of capacities of Member States in the WHO European Region for the implementation of sound chemicals management: survey results

Dr Irina Zastenskaya, WHO European Centre for Environment and Health

Addressing health related aspects of chemical safety in Albania

Dr Lindita Tafaj, Institute of Public Health, Albania

Approaches to legislative regulation of chemicals and chemicals in products in Belarus, Kazakhstan and Russian Federation

Liliya Najaran, Republican Scientific Practical Centre of Hygiene, Belarus

Protection of human population from chemicals exposure: Korean regulation system

Prof Jeongim Park, SoohChunHyang University, Asan, Korea

Communicating the science on health impacts of hazardous chemicals for better protection of vulnerable groups

Anne Stauffer, Health and Environment Alliance

Discussion

10:40 – 11:00 *Coffee break*

11:00 - 12:30	<p><b><i>Session 1 (continued): WHO European Member States' needs in sound chemicals management related to public health. Specific needs in management of carcinogens, mutagens, reproductive and endocrine disruptors</i></b></p> <p>View on endocrine disrupting chemicals from the perspective of clinical endocrinologist Dr Djuro Macut, Ass Prof, Belgrade University, Institute of Endocrinology, Serbia</p> <p>Exposure of pregnant consumers to suspected endocrine disruptors Dr Dorte Bjerregaard Lerche, Chemical Division, Danish Ministry of the Environment, Environment Protection Agency</p> <p>Why does chemical safety need a human biomonitoring programme, and how should we do it? Prof Matti Jantunen, National Institute of Health and Welfare, Finland</p> <p>The identification of environmental carcinogens as the first step in cancer prevention: major research strategies, current activities and future perspectives of the International Agency for Research on Cancer Monographs programme. Kurt Straif, Ann Olsson, International Agency for Research on Cancer</p> <p>Risk assessment tools: investigation of long-term effects Dr Fiorella Belpoggi, Director, Cesare Maltoni Cancer Research Center, Ramazzini Institute, Italy</p> <p>Discussion</p>
12:30 – 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
13:30 – 15:30	Working groups discussion
15:30 – 15:50	<i>Coffee break</i>
15:50 – 16:30	Reports of working groups' rapporteur
16:30 – 17:50	<p><b><i>Session 2. Health related aspects of contaminated sites</i></b></p> <p>Introduction to session objectives Chair of the meeting</p> <p>Industrially contaminated sites and health Roberto Pasetto, Researcher, National Institute of Health, Italy</p> <p>Chemicals and Hazardous Waste Management in developing countries and countries with emerging economies Frank Fecher, German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany</p> <p>Management of contaminated sites and challenges in health risks evaluation: A case study Prof Dragan Gjorgjev, Policy advisor, Institute of Public Health, FYR Macedonia</p> <p>Discussion</p>
17:50 - 18:00	Summary of the day, Reception

**Thursday, 18 October 2012**

- 9:00 – 10:30      ***Session 3. Health aspects in international “chemicals” agreements: needs for capacity building***  
Introduction of session objectives  
Chair of the meeting
- Presentation of Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management  
Secretariat (to be confirmed)  
Leonor Alvarado, Coordinator, Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management  
Secretariat
- Strategic Approach to International Chemicals Management  
Health Sector Strategy  
Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint (GAELP)  
Lesley Onyon, Chemicals Safety Team, WHO Headquarters
- Research Centre for Toxic Compounds in the Environment: Stockholm Convention  
Regional Centre. Health related aspects of the centre's activities.  
Katerina Sebkova, Jana Klanova, Research Centre for Toxic Compounds in the Environment,  
Czech Republic
- Chemical safety in the framework of the International Health Regulations (IHR)  
Mr Thomas Hoffman, WHO Regional Office for Europe
- Discussion
- 10:30 – 10:50      *Coffee break*
- 10:50 – 12:30      ***Session 4: International Health Regulations, Emergency preparedness and response***  
Introduction of session objectives  
Chair of the meeting
- Preparing for cross-border chemical incidents in Europe  
Ms Lisbeth Hall, Project Manager, Centre for Environmental Health, National Institute for  
Public Health and the Environment, The Netherlands
- The Public Health Response to Major Acute Chemical Incidents  
Prof Gary Coleman, WHO Collaborating Centre, Cardiff, UK
- Poison Centres and Hazardous Chemical Events: The US Experience  
Dr Al Bronstein, Director, American Association of Poisons Control Centres, Denver, USA
- Capacity building for the public health management of chemical incident  
management: Developing distance learning teaching materials  
Prof David Russell, Head of WHO Collaborating Centre, Cardiff, UK
- Overview of EC funded projects aimed at addressing capabilities of member states in  
responding to chemical incidents and meeting IHR requirements  
Prof Raquel Duarte-Davidson, Head of the International Research and Development Group,  
Centre for Radiation, Chemical and Environmental Hazards, UK
- 12:30 – 13:30      *Lunch*
- 13:30 – 17:00      Working groups discussion
- 15:30 – 16:00      *Coffee break*

17:00 – 18:00      Reports of Working Groups rapporteurs  
Summary of the day  
Dinner (optional)

## **Friday, 19 October 2012**

9:00 – 13:00      *Session 5: WHO European Member States priorities and steps ahead*

9:00 – 10:30      Introduction of session  
Chair of the meeting

Member States priorities in health-related aspects of chemicals management – wrap-up of the discussions  
Dr Elizabet Paunovic, WHO European Centre for Environment and Health

Directions for actions for WHO Regional Office for Europe to address health-related aspects of chemical safety  
Plenary discussion

10:30 – 11:00      *Coffee break*

11:00 – 12:00      Directions for actions for WHO Regional Office for Europe to address health-related aspects of chemical safety  
Plenary discussion (continue)

12:00 – 13:00      Network of experts (terms of reference, coordination of work, communication, and expected outcomes, etc.)  
Plenary discussion

13:00 – 13:30      Main meeting conclusions and recommendations  
The Chair of the meeting

Closure of the meeting  
Dr Srdan Matic, Coordinator, Environment and Health

13:30 – 14:30      *Lunch*